Trinity College Dublin
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin

Job Description

Comp ID: **039546**

Job Title: Assistant Professor in Philosophy

School/Department: School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, Department of Philosophy

Job category & level: Academic; Assistant Professor (Full-Time, 5 year Tenure-track)

The Purpose of the Role:
The Department of Philosophy, within the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, invites applications for the position of Assistant Professor in Philosophy, to commence on 3 August 2027. This a tenure-track appointment of five year's duration, with a view to permanency.

The successful candidate will deliver high-quality teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, supervise and mentor students, and contribute to an engaging, inclusive and intellectually stimulating learning environment. They will be expected to teach across the Philosophy curriculum, including modules delivered to students in the Faculty of Science.

The post holder will engage in high-quality research. They will also be expected to contribute to interdisciplinary curriculum development, collaborate across the School, and participate actively in the wider academic community through workshops, conferences, and other research-led initiatives.

In addition, the appointee will contribute to the academic administration of the Department and School, including committee work, quality assurance processes, and other service activities that support effective academic governance. We seek applicants with vision, enthusiasm, and a commitment to excellence in both research and teaching. Candidates should demonstrate an established record of high-quality scholarship in Philosophy, along with strong potential for continued impactful research and innovation in curriculum and module design.

Context:

The School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, founded in 2005, comprises the Departments of Economics, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology. With over 120 academic and professional staff, the School holds an international reputation for research excellence and is committed to disseminating its expertise

to benefit the wider community. It has a distinguished track record of securing major research funding, including ERC, IRC Laureate, and Horizon Europe awards.

As one of the largest Schools in the University, it is recognised for its teaching excellence and is home to flagship undergraduate programmes, including PPES (Philosophy, Political Science, Economics and Sociology), the high-demand Bachelor in Economic and Social Sciences (BESS), and Trinity Joint Honours programmes across its disciplines. The School also delivers eight taught postgraduate programmes and supports a vibrant cohort of over 80 postgraduate researchers undertaking structured PhDs.

Graduates of the School are highly employable and progress into leadership roles across business, industry, public service, and international organisations. Each Department is ranked first in Ireland, with Political Science in the top 50 globally, Philosophy in the top 100 globally, and Economics and Sociology in the top 150 (QS 2025). The School Maintains a strong tradition of internationalisation, welcoming non-EU students and supporting student mobility through global exchange programmes, alongside a long-standing commitment to outreach and engagement with Irish society.

Research in the School is distinguished by its focus on important real-world questions, supported by rigorous conceptual frameworks and cutting-edge methods. The Department of Philosophy is seeking applicants with vision and enthusiasm, a genuine commitment to the vital roles of research and teaching, with an established record of research and clear potential for future research accomplishment, and a flair for innovation in module design and teaching methods.

Main Responsibilities:

Research

- Contribute to the overall international research profile of the Department of Philosophy.
- Contribute to the international reputation of the Department of Philosophy, through high-quality, high-impact publications and research including in journals of high-standing.
- Represent the Department of Philosophy at international conferences.
- Actively seek research funding.
- Meet expectations in terms of numbers of publications and level of funded research in line with the Assistant Professor grade.
- Collaborate with colleagues and, where possible, mentor junior researchers and/or post docs.

Teaching

- Design and deliver modules within the Philosophy curriculum, including modules delivered to students who are not on Philosophy programmes.
- Contribute to undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in the Department of Philosophy.
- Deliver high-class and innovative teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels with a commitment to the development of new, relevant, and evidence-based teaching strategies.
- Undertake student supervision at undergraduate, MPhil and PhD levels.

- Utilise available technology to develop learning environments that are flexible, student-centred, accessible and consistent with best contemporary teaching and learning practices.
- Contribute to and provide academic leadership in all teaching and related activities in the School and College at undergraduate and postgraduate level including contributing towards the future development of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

Administration

- Undertake appropriate administrative tasks that support the Department of Philosophy, the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, and the wider Trinity community.
- Assume a leadership/managerial role within the Department of Philosophy and the School of Social Science and Philosophy, appropriate to the level of appointment.

Person Requirements

The role-holder will require the following knowledge, skills and attributes for successful performance in the role.

Qualifications

- Excellent academic record and a PhD completed by 3 August 2027.
- Academic publication in peer reviewed international journals and/or publications of equal standing of recognised originality and value.
- Previous teaching experience in Philosophy.

Knowledge & Experience

The successful candidate will be expected to clearly demonstrate the following:

Research & Scholarship

- An established record of research in Philosophy. Applications should show the potential to establish a strong record of research and publication.
- Evidence of research achievement, relative to career stage, in the form of publication in high impact peer-reviewed international journals.
- An ability to supervise research projects.
- Evidence of a research plan to build a trajectory of research excellence and success.
- Depending on career stage, a record of funding or evident potential to attract external research funding.

Teaching

- Ability to teach and supervise at undergraduate and postgraduate level.
- Experience in developing new modules or teaching material.
- Ability to teach larger classes (over 100 students) and smaller classes in addition to experience in e-learning and e-teaching.
- Ability and willingness to teach outside of immediate area of specialization.
- Evidence of personal contribution and commitment to excellence in teaching.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Administration, Contribution to University and Engagement with Discipline & Society

- Ability to undertake administrative responsibilities as required by the Discipline, School and University.
- Ability to represent the School and University on appropriate national and international advisory boards and professional bodies.
- Organisational skills necessary to the performance of teaching, research and administration requirements of the role of Assistant Professor.

Skills

- Well-developed written and verbal communication skills and interpersonal skills.
- Planning and organisational skills, particularly coordinating processes and systems.
- Ability to represent the School and College on appropriate national and international advisory boards and professional bodies.
- Ability to work effectively as a member of a team.

Personal attributes

- Capability and confidence to take ownership of problems and seek long term solutions.
- Career driven, enthusiastic and motivated.
- Commitment to own professional development

Further Information

Informal enquiries about this post should be made to the Head of Philosophy, Professor John Divers, via email: diversj@tcd.ie

Application Information

Candidates must submit the following to http://jobs.tcd.ie:

1. Cover letter – **2 x A4 pages maximum**
2. Full curriculum vitae to include the names and contact details of 3 referees
3. Research statement (summarising current research and future research plans) – **2 x A4 pages maximum**
4. Teaching statement (summarising teaching experience and approach – **2 x A4 pages maximum**)

Please Note: Candidates who do not submit the requested information will not be considered for shortlisting. The application will only be accepted by applying online through the Trinity Jobs Portal.